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Chief, Operations Group

Dear Jerry:

Subject: MHQ-2004, 19 January 1982

I appreciate your response to my memorandum on the VCVC circuits. Without attempting to carry the dialogue further at this time, I would like to clear up a possible misconception on your part, at least as reflected in the last sentence of your letter.

The concept outlined in my 18 December 1981 memorandum does not envisage turning over to the BBC anything that it does not already have. The 16 sources that would be available in an automatic remote mode are already exclusively devoted to BBC coverage in the present manual configuration. This is not the place for a detailed listing of the four racks of FBIS-owned equipment (well in excess of \$50,000 worth of equipment) now tied into the Austrian Bureau end of the VCVC circuits, but in general the referent 16 sources represent the 10 FBIS-owned receivers at present dedicated to BBC usage, the BBC-owned remote-tuneable Racal receiver, and 5 of the BBC's Lanier recorders.

The cost figures cited in your letter are very close to our estimates here. I will have  refine his figures and forward these to Engineering Division for the record. I did not include such figures in my memorandum simply because I was trying to establish a basic conceptual framework for the future rather than to "sell" a short-term project. I was under little illusion that the concept would be met with such general acclamation that we would be putting it into operation any time soon. However, I remain convinced that in the longer term it is in FBIS' best interests to engineer the VCVC circuits in such a way as to reduce the BBC's dependence upon Austrian Bureau as a manned, manual remote monitoring site. ✓

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Sincerely



Chief, Austrian Bureau

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